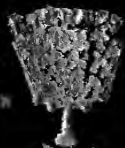


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# The Commercial Club of Chicago

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THE MERCHANTS CLUB, ORGANIZED 1896  
UNITED 1907

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# The Commercial Club of Chicago

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## Articles of Association

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For the purpose of advancing, by social intercourse and a free interchange of views and by co-operative effort, the public welfare and the commercial interests of the City of Chicago, The Commercial Club, organized December 27, 1877, and The Merchants Club, organized December 11, 1896, hereby unite under the name The Commercial Club of Chicago, and the following Articles of Association are agreed upon, to take effect on February 11, 1907.

### ARTICLE I

#### MEMBERS

SECTION I. The membership of The Commercial Club of Chicago shall consist of the present (January 24, 1907) members of The Commercial Club and the present members of The Merchants Club. The present retired members of The Commercial Club and any associate members of The Merchants Club who desire to become retired members shall constitute the retired membership. There shall be no further additions thereafter to the retired membership. The present non-resident members of The Commercial Club and

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of The Merchants Club shall constitute the non-resident membership. The present active members of The Commercial Club and the present active and associate members of The Merchants Club shall constitute the active membership of The Commercial Club of Chicago, except that any such person shall have the privilege of immediately becoming an associate member, subject to the conditions laid down in these Articles of Association. After the number of active members has been reduced to ninety by such transfers to the associate list or otherwise, the number of active members shall not thereafter exceed ninety.

SECTION 2. No person over fifty years of age, other than the present members of The Commercial Club and the present members of The Merchants Club, shall be eligible to election to active membership, and no person except an active member shall be chosen an associate member. No active member shall accept or retain active membership in any other similar Club.

SECTION 3. Any active member who has been such for ten years, or who has reached the age of fifty-five years, may, at his written request, when approved by the unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, become an associate member. In computing such ten years there shall be included all the time during which such active member has been a member either of The Commercial Club or The Merchants Club.

It shall be understood that active membership in The Commercial Club of Chicago implies readiness on

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the part of every active member to accept, within reasonable limitations, any assignment of work for those objects for which the Club is organized, even so far as to take the Chairmanship of an important working committee, if so requested by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. An associate member shall have the same rights and privileges as an active member (including the right to vote on the election of persons to membership), save only that he shall not be eligible to election as an officer of the Club and shall not have the right to vote on the election of officers or committees, and that he shall not be fined for absence from Club meetings, except when he has notified the Secretary that he would attend a meeting. Associate members shall be eligible to the Executive Committee and to all other Committees of the Club.

SECTION 5. Any active or associate member who has changed his residence and place of business from Chicago may make application to the Executive Committee, and, upon its approval, may become a non-resident member. Non-resident and retired members shall have the privilege of attending any meetings of the Club. Neither non-resident nor retired members shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 6. In case a vacancy in the membership occurs, the Secretary shall notify the members thereof. Nominations for membership shall be made to the Executive Committee by a written recommendation,

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signed by any member of the Club personally acquainted with the candidate. If the Executive Committee shall unanimously approve a nomination so made, the Secretary shall, at the next meeting of the Club, orally announce to the Club that the name of the person so approved will be voted upon at the next following meeting. It shall be proper for any member of the Club to communicate to members of the Executive Committee information touching the fitness or unfitness of any nomination to membership, which information shall be held confidential by the Committee. At the next meeting of the Club, if the Executive Committee still unanimously approve the nomination, it shall be voted upon by secret ballot. Three votes in the negative shall exclude a candidate from admission. At any meeting of the Executive Committee, only one candidate shall be approved by it, and at any meeting of the Club, only one candidate shall be submitted for election.

SECTION 7. In the admission of members, due regard shall be had, so far as practicable, to the branches of business in which candidates are engaged, so that the various commercial interests of the city shall be fairly represented in the Club.

SECTION 8. Annual dues of Sixty Dollars shall be paid at the beginning of each year, by each active and associate member, and no additional charge shall be made to them for the cost of dinners at regular meetings. Non-resident and retired members shall not pay

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dues, but shall pay an assessment of \$7.50 for each dinner of the Club which they signify to the Secretary their intention of attending. It shall be within the discretion of the Executive Committee to drop from the roll of membership of the Club, any member who has been duly notified of dues and failed to pay the same.

SECTION 9. Regular meetings of the Club shall take precedence of all social engagements. Every member unable to attend a regular meeting of the Club shall send a written notice to the Secretary, giving the reason for his intended absence—such notice to be mailed or sent in time to reach the Secretary by the morning of the day on which such regular meeting is held. Any member failing to comply with this rule, or whose reason for non-attendance may be unsatisfactory to the Executive Committee, shall be fined Ten Dollars. Any active member absenting himself from three consecutive regular meetings of the Club without sending to the Secretary an explanation satisfactory to the Executive Committee, may be considered as having withdrawn from membership, and his name may be stricken from the rolls by the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE II

#### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

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SECTION 2. At the April meeting of the Club the officers shall be elected to serve one year, or until their successors are elected. At the first election under these Articles of Association two of the four members of the Executive Committee provided for in Section 6 of this Article II, shall be elected to serve for two years, and two to serve for one year. Thereafter two shall be elected each year to serve for two years. Until the first election is held hereunder, the officers of the Club shall be the present officers of The Commercial Club, and the Executive Committee of the Club shall consist of the present members of the Executive Committee of The Commercial Club and the present members of the Executive Committee of The Merchants Club.

SECTION 3. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall have the custody of the seal and of all the books and papers of the Club, and shall make and preserve complete records of all meetings of the Club and of the Executive Committee, and shall perform all such other duties as may be required by the Club or by the Executive Committee.

In the Year-book of The Commercial Club of Chicago the Secretary shall print the list of officers, committees, and meetings of The Commercial Club and of The Merchants Club from the dates of their respective organizations, and in all publications of the Club the



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names of The Commercial Club and The Merchants Club shall appear as indicated in Article V hereof.

SECTION 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep the funds of the Club, and shall disburse the same, subject to the supervision of the Executive Committee. His books shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Executive Committee, or of any person designated by it to examine the same. The Treasurer shall make a full financial report at the annual April meeting of the Club.

SECTION 6. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, the President of the Club for the preceding year, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, and four other members of the Club to be elected as hereinbefore provided. The Executive Committee shall, subject to the direction of the Club, have the general control and management of all the affairs of the Club.

SECTION 7. The Executive Committee shall have the power, by unanimous vote of the entire Committee, to discipline or expel any member of the Club, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Club shall require such action.

SECTION 8. A Reception Committee of five members (including a Chairman), to serve one year, shall also be elected at the April meeting, in each year, after having been nominated according to the provisions of Section 9 of this Article II. The Reception Committee shall assist in the entertainment of speakers, guests of

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honor, and new members, serving in a general way as hosts of the Club, subject to the direction of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 9. Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, the President shall select a Nominating Committee, composed of five members of the Club, and shall announce the same at the regular March meeting of the Club, and such Committee shall prepare a list of candidates for the various offices and elective committees. The Secretary shall mail such list to each member of the Club at least two weeks before the April meeting, at which the annual election shall be held.

In regard to the election to be held in April, 1907, the Presidents of The Commercial Club and The Merchants Club shall each appoint a nominating committee of three members of their respective Clubs to act jointly as a nominating committee, and such joint nominating committee of six shall make its report at the meeting of the Club to be held in March, 1907.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The Club shall hold its regular meeting monthly, commencing in November and ending in April, and on the second Saturday in each such month, except whenever the Executive Committee may think it advisable so to do they may change the date of any meeting, or omit any meeting. The place where any

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meeting shall be held shall be selected by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3. Notice of all meetings, whether regular or special, shall be mailed to each member at least five days before the date of the meeting. If an election for a member is to be held at any meeting, the Secretary shall so state in the notice. At any regular or special meeting of the Club at which thirty active members are present any business of the Club may be transacted.

### ARTICLE IV

#### GUESTS

At any meeting at which guests are permitted by the Executive Committee, any member may invite one guest, or more if permitted by the Executive Committee, but no guest shall be present on the invitation of the same member on more than two occasions during the Club year except by special invitation of the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE V

#### SEAL

The official Seal of The Commercial Club of Chicago shall contain the following inscription:

“The Commercial Club of Chicago.  
The Commercial Club, organized 1877.  
The Merchants Club, organized 1896.  
United 1907.”

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## ARTICLE VI

### AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be altered or amended at any meeting, by a majority vote of the members present and entitled, under these Articles of Association, to vote, provided that the notice of such meeting shall state in what particulars it is proposed to alter or amend these Articles.

## Officers and Committees

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# Officers and Committees

1907-8

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	John V. Farwell, Jr.
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	John R. Morron
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	David R. Forgan
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John W. Scott

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

George E. Adams	Theodore W. Robinson
Clyde M. Carr	John G. Shedd
Louis F. Swift	Charles H. Wacker

## RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Charles H. Wacker, Chairman	
Benjamin Carpenter	Charles L. Strobel
Frank H. Jones	Leslie Carter

## LAKE BLUFF NAVAL TRAINING STATION COMMITTEE

Walter H. Wilson, Chairman	
Frederic W. Upham	Harold F. McCormick
John R. Morron	Alfred L. Baker

## EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

Theodore W. Robinson, Chairman	
Thomas E. Donnelley	Granger Farwell
Clayton Mark	Bernard E. Sunny

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## Officers and Committees

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### BUILDING OF COMFORT STATION COMMITTEE

Edwin G. Foreman, Chairman

Charles D. Norton

### CITY PLAN COMMITTEES

#### GENERAL COMMITTEE

*Chairman* . . . . . Charles D. Norton

*Vice-Chairman* . . . . . Charles H. Wacker

*Treasurer* . . . . . Walter H. Wilson

*Secretary* . . . . . Frederic A. Delano

Adolphus C. Bartlett

Edward B. Butler

Clyde M. Carr

Joy Morton

John V. Farwell, Jr.

Charles H. Thorne

#### COMMITTEE ON LAKE FRONT

Edward B. Butler, Chairman

Charles G. Dawes

Harold F. McCormick

Victor F. Lawson

John V. Farwell, Jr.

Leslie Carter

#### COMMITTEE RAILWAY TERMINALS

Joy Morton, Chairman

William J. Chalmers

Chauncey Keep

Charles H. Hulburd

Martin A. Ryerson

Cyrus H. McCormick

Franklin MacVeagh

John G. Shedd

Albert A. Sprague

Adolphus C. Bartlett



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## Officers and Committees

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### COMMITTEE ON BOULEVARD TO CONNECT NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES

Clyde M. Carr, Chairman

Charles H. Wacker	James L. Houghteling
Frederic W. Upham	Charles H. Thorne
Charles H. Conover	A. A. Sprague II.

### COMMITTEE ON INTERURBAN RAILWAYS

Charles H. Thorne, Chairman

Enos M. Barton	Frederick Greeley
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### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Adolphus C. Bartlett

Charles G. Dawes	Walter H. Wilson
Albert A. Sprague	Charles L. Hutchinson

# Officers and Committees of The Commercial Club

FROM YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT

1878

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Levi Z. Leiter
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	John W. Doane
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Anson Stager                      Edson Keith  
William T. Baker

1879

<i>President</i> . . . . .	John W. Doane
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Anson Stager
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Edson Keith                      Otho S. A. Sprague  
James W. Oakley

1880

<i>President</i> . . . . .	John W. Doane
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Nathaniel K. Fairbank
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	George C. Clarke

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Henry J. Macfarland      Franklin MacVeagh  
Augustus A. Carpenter

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## Officers and Committees

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### 1881

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Orrin W. Potter
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Albert A. Sprague
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	George C. Clarke

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Henry J. Macfarland      John M. Clark  
James H. Walker

### 1882

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Albert A. Sprague
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Murry Nelson
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	William T. Baker
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	George C. Clarke

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

George C. Walker      Elbridge G. Keith  
William A. Fuller

### 1883

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Augustus A. Carpenter
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Marvin Hughitt
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Anthony F. Seeberger
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	George C. Clarke

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Crerar      Richard T. Crane  
Erskine M. Phelps

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## Officers and Committees

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### 1884

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	John M. Clark
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	George M. Pullman
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Anthony F. Seeberger
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	George C. Clarke

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Byron P. Moulton      Adolphus C. Bartlett  
John J. Janes

### 1885

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Franklin MacVeagh
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	George M. Pullman
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	John B. Drake
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	George C. Clarke

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John DeKoven              Lyman J. Gage  
Thomas Murdoch

### 1886

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Lyman J. Gage
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Adolphus C. Bartlett
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Louis Wampold
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Alexander C. McClurg      Charles Fargo  
Cyrus H. McCormick, Jr.

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## Officers and Committees

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1887

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Adolphus C. Bartlett
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Eliphalet W. Blatchford
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Charles L. Hutchinson
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marshall Field      Otho S. A. Sprague  
J. Harley Bradley

1888

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Eliphalet W. Blatchford
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Charles L. Hutchinson
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	William Munro
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charles B. Holmes    James L. Houghteling  
William E. Strong

1889

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Charles L. Hutchinson
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Elbridge G. Keith
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	William Munro
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Henry H. Porter      William G. Hibbard  
William E. Strong

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## Officers and Committees

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### 1890

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Elbridge G. Keith
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Marvin Hughitt
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	William Munro
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Philip D. Armour    Turlington W. Harvey  
John J. Glessner

### 1891

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Marvin Hughitt
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Turlington W. Harvey
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Harlow N. Higinbotham
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Edward E. Ayer        Eugene Cary  
Martin A. Ryerson

### 1892

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Turlington W. Harvey
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Alexander C. McClurg
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Henry W. King        Norman B. Ream  
William H. Rand

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## Officers and Committees

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### 1893

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Alexander C. McClurg
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	William T. Baker
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Franklin H. Head	Christoph Hotz
Francis B. Peabody	

### 1894

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	William T. Baker
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	John B. Drake
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Francis B. Peabody	Otho S. A. Sprague
Henry B. Stone	

### 1895

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Henry W. King
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	George C. Walker
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	John J. Janes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Erskine M. Phelps	Louis Wampold
Robert A. Waller	

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## Officers and Committees

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1896

<i>President</i>	Francis B. Peabody
<i>Vice-President</i>	Henry B. Stone
<i>Treasurer</i>	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charles B. Farwell      Melville E. Stone  
William J. Chalmers

1897

<i>President</i>	John J. Glessner
<i>Vice-President</i>	Eugene Cary
<i>Treasurer</i>	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

William A. Fuller      Cyrus H. McCormick  
J. Harley Bradley

1898

<i>President</i>	Eugene Cary
<i>Vice-President</i>	Cyrus H. McCormick
<i>Treasurer</i>	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

William A. Fuller      John M. Clark  
Robert C. Clowry



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## Officers and Committees

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1899

<i>President</i>	Cyrus H. McCormick
<i>Vice-President</i>	H. N. Higinbotham
<i>Treasurer</i>	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Elbridge G. Keith      Albert A. Sprague  
H. H. Kohlsaet

1900

<i>President</i>	William J. Chalmers
<i>Vice-President</i>	Martin A. Ryerson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Marshall Field      Edward B. Butler  
David B. Jones

1901

<i>President</i>	William A. Fuller
<i>Vice-President</i>	David B. Jones
<i>Treasurer</i>	Henry J. Macfarland
<i>Secretary</i>	John J. Janes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

James L. Houghteling      Edward P. Ripley  
Rollin A. Keyes

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## Officers and Committees

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### 1902

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	David B. Jones
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Edward E. Ayer
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Charles F. Kimball
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	Rollin A. Keyes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Adolphus C. Bartlett          John A. Spoor  
John V. Farwell, Jr.

### 1903

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Martin A. Ryerson
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	J. Harley Bradley
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Charles F. Kimball
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	Rollin A. Keyes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thies J. Lefens                  Albert J. Earling  
James H. Eckels

### 1904

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	J. Harley Bradley
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Edward B. Butler
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Charles F. Kimball
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	Rollin A. Keyes

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

George E. Adams          Byron L. Smith  
Charles H. Wacker

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## Officers and Committees

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### 1905

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	Edward B. Butler
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	George E. Adams
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Elbridge G. Keith
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	Charles H. Hulburd

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Enos M. Barton                      John M. Clark  
Victor F. Lawson

### 1906

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	George E. Adams
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	John V. Farwell, Jr.
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Ernest A. Hamill
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	Benjamin Carpenter

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Robert T. Lincoln                  Chauncey Keep  
Edward B. Butler

# Officers and Committees of The Merchants Club

FROM YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT

1896-97

<i>President</i>	. . . . .	John V. Farwell, Jr.
<i>Vice-President</i>	. . . . .	Dunlap Smith
<i>Treasurer</i>	. . . . .	Charles R. Corwith
<i>Secretary</i>	. . . . .	{ Henry A. Knott* Walter H. Wilson

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Harry G. Selfridge	Dunlap Smith
Clarence Buckingham	Arthur Meeker

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Henry A. Knott	
John V. Farwell, Jr.	Dunlap Smith

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Clarence Buckingham	
Charles Coolidge	Harry G. Selfridge

## COMMITTEE ON NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Hermon B. Butler	
Frederick Greeley	Charles R. Corwith

\* Resigned from office December 18, 1896.

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## Officers and Committees

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### 1897-98

<i>President</i> . . . . .	John V. Farwell, Jr.
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Dunlap Smith
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Charles R. Corwith
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	Walter H. Wilson

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Harry G. Selfridge          Arthur Meeker  
   Clarence Buckingham

#### COMMITTEE ON REVENUE LEGISLATION

Henry A. Knott  
Alexander H. Revell          John V. Farwell, Jr.

### 1898-99

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Harry G. Selfridge
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Leslie Carter
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Nelson P. Bigelow
<i>Secretary</i> . . . . .	Walter H. Wilson

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John V. Farwell, Jr.      Hermon B. Butler  
   Rollin A. Keyes

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## Officers and Committees

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1899-1900

<i>President</i> . . . . .	Edgar A. Bancroft
<i>Vice-President</i> . . . . .	Rollin A. Keyes
<i>Treasurer</i> . . . . .	Nelson P. Bigelow
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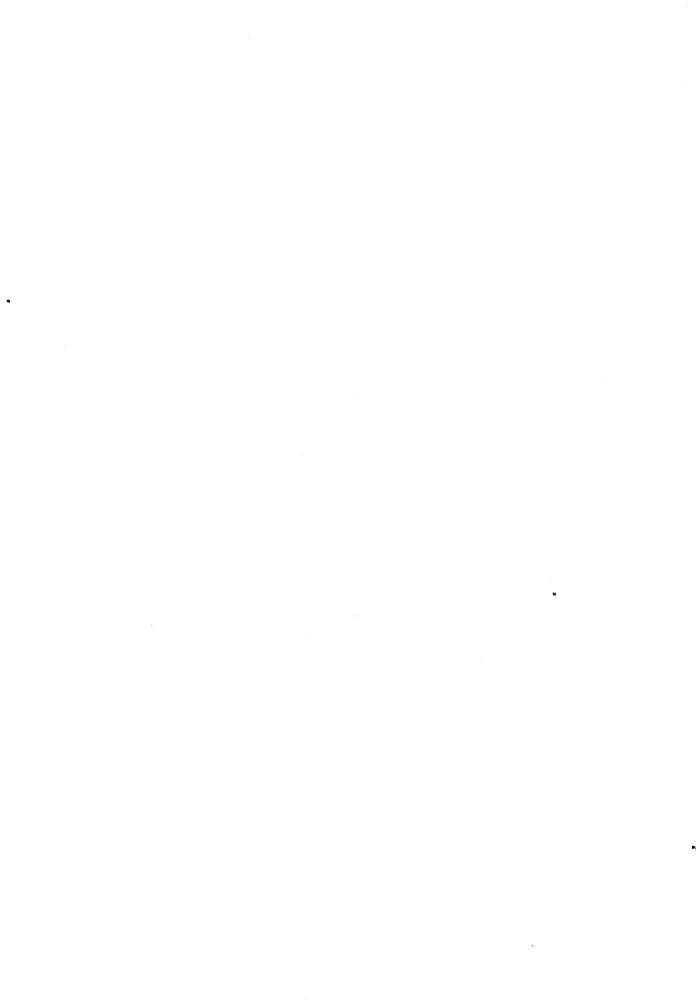
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## Subjects of Meetings



# Subjects of Meetings of The Commercial Club

1878

LEVI Z. LEITER, President

JANUARY 19.—The purpose, scope, and best method of conducting this Club.

FEBRUARY 16.—Compromise with fraud.

MARCH 30.—The situation in our municipal affairs.

APRIL 27.—The situation in our municipal affairs.

MAY 29.—Diversion of trade.

OCTOBER 26.—Our city streets.

NOVEMBER 30.—Taxation.

DECEMBER 28.—Taxation.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1879

JOHN W. DOANE, President

JANUARY 29.—Our Club : Its past and future.

FEBRUARY 22.—The Military, as protectors of property, local and National.

MARCH 29.—Legislative interference, congressional, state, and municipal, with private rights.

APRIL 26.—Should the higher schools be supported by public taxation?

MAY 31.—Sunday laws : To what extent ought they to be enforced in the interest of a good municipal government and the welfare of the citizens ?

OCTOBER 25.—Discussion informal.

NOVEMBER.—Omitted.

DECEMBER 6.—Special, and dinner given to General U. S. Grant on his return from his tour around the world.

DECEMBER.—Omitted.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1880

JOHN W. DOANE, President

JANUARY 31.—Do we need a bankrupt law ?

FEBRUARY 28.—Our sewerage ; the public system and that of our homes ; what are the defects and the possible remedies ?

MARCH 27.—Has Chicago not reached a period in its growth when special attention should be paid to the fostering of art, literature and science ?

APRIL 24.—What is the best pavement for our streets and boulevards ?

MAY 29.—Should not the commercial prosperity of great cities be attended by the cultivation of art, literature, science and comprehensive charities, and the establishment of art museums, public libraries, industrial schools and free hospitals ?

OCTOBER 30.—Nuisances afflicting Chicago ; chiefly smoke, steam whistles and bad streets.

NOVEMBER 27.—The coming session of the Legislature ; legislation needed ?

DECEMBER.—Meeting omitted. Christmas.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1881

ORRIN W. POTTER, President

JANUARY 29.—The Club.

FEBRUARY 26.—Disposition of Chicago sewage.

MARCH 26.—Our license laws and their bearing on the expenses of our city government.

APRIL 30.—The need of a half-holiday in Chicago.

MAY 28.—Our bridge system ; its relation to commerce and the city's business interests.

NOVEMBER 26.—Does punishment follow crime in this community ? If not, why ?

DECEMBER 31.—The right of the State to interfere in the affairs of public corporations.



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## Meeting Subjects

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1882

ALBERT A. SPRAGUE, President

JANUARY 28.—How can the city best raise sufficient revenue to efficiently carry on the different branches of its government?

FEBRUARY 25.—What can be done to suppress or check gambling in this city?

MARCH 25.—The need of a school for industrial training in Chicago. ✓

APRIL 29.—Consolidation of our various charities under one system.

MAY 27.—Special banquet in honor of the St. Louis and Cincinnati Commercial Clubs.

OCTOBER.—Omitted.

NOVEMBER 25.—Paper read by Mr. Blatchford on the "Training School."

DECEMBER 30.—Need of a State license law to regulate the sale of alcoholic and malt liquors.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1883

AUGUSTUS A. CARPENTER, President

JANUARY 27.—What is the most desirable method of increasing the revenue of the city, and to what extent should it be increased ?

FEBRUARY 24.—Use and abuse in the disposition of charities.

MARCH 30.—The open and increasing immorality in this city ; can anything be done to lessen it ?

APRIL 28.—Need and practicability of a scheme to provide cheap and good houses for working people.

MAY 26.—Is it practical in matters of dispute in commercial transactions to substitute some system of arbitration for reference to court and juries ?

OCTOBER 27.—Desirability at future reunions of Commercial Clubs in cities to set apart a portion of one day to discuss the commercial interests of the various cities represented by the Clubs.

NOVEMBER 24.—Complimentary and farewell to Lieut.-Gen. P. H. Sheridan.

DECEMBER 29.—Hennepin Canal.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1884

JOHN M. CLARK, President

JANUARY 26.—Should the United States Government undertake transmission of telegraphic messages as they now undertake the transmission of letters by mail ?

FEBRUARY 23.—What are the causes of the present depression of commercial and industrial interests ?

MARCH 29.—Legislative blackmail and municipal corruption : Cause and remedy.

APRIL 26.—Silver as money : What should be the position of the Government relative thereto ?

MAY 31.—What should be the character and limitations of instruction at public schools ?

OCTOBER 24.—Informal ; principally in regard to Training Schools.

NOVEMBER 29.—Is speculation an injury or a benefit to the general business interests of the country ?

DECEMBER 27.—Unemployed laborers : What obligations rest upon the city or citizens for their support ? What measures are practicable on the part of employers to diminish their numbers ? Can any plan of employment, public or private, be devised that will provide them with at least a bare living ?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1885

FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, President

JANUARY 31.—December subject continued.

FEBRUARY 28.—What should be done to prepare for the possible advent of cholera the coming season ?

MARCH.—Omitted, in respect to memory of General Anson Stager.

APRIL 25.—Should nominations and appointments to municipal offices be made on business principles to the entire exclusion of partisan considerations ?

MAY 30.—Should the citizens of Chicago make the necessary efforts to secure the location of the new Artillery School and Military Station near Chicago ?

OCTOBER 31.—What course of governmental action relative to gold and silver coinage will, if taken, best subserve our industrial and commercial interests ?

NOVEMBER 28.—Ought the difference in freight rates between car lots and less than car lots be abolished ?

DECEMBER 26.—The Press : Its power for good and evil. How can we promote the one and discourage the other ?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1886

LYMAN J. GAGE, President

JANUARY 30.—Our Club: It past history; its future possibilities.

FEBRUARY 27.—January subject continued.

MARCH 27.—It is advisable for the citizens of Chicago to make the necessary efforts to secure the location of the new Artillery School and Military Station near Chicago.

APRIL 24.—The eight-hour movement; its advantages, disadvantages, and probable results.

MAY 29.—The late civil disorders; its causes and lessons.

OCTOBER 30.—Abstracts of title, Cook County: Evils and dangers of present system: What reforms are needed?

NOVEMBER 27.—Social and industrial antagonisms: What can be done to avert the evils they threaten?

DECEMBER 18.—Drainage and water supply of the City of Chicago.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1887

ADOLPHUS C. BARTLETT, President

JANUARY 29.—Our Club: Reflections, criticisms and suggestions.

FEBRUARY 26.—Bucket Shops and Pool Rooms: Their danger to the business interests of the city. How can they be suppressed?

MARCH 26.—The saloon in politics.

APRIL 30.—Should the theatres of Chicago be closed on Sundays?

JUNE 11.—Special meeting and banquet to the Boston Commercial Club.

OCTOBER 29.—Our duty, as citizens, to the State.

NOVEMBER 26.—The Clubs of Chicago: Their influence in this city.

DECEMBER 31.—American citizenship: What legislation, if any, is desirable to control the immigration of foreigners to this country? ♦

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## Meeting Subjects

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1888

ELIPHALET W. BLATCHFORD, President

JANUARY 28.—Monopolies: Their effect upon the public.

FEBRUARY 25.—Commercial union with Canada.

MARCH 31.—What are the best means of preventing pauperism and crime?

APRIL 28.—Railroads: The obligations of the management to the stockholders, the employes and the public.

OCTOBER 27.—Sunday Laws: To what extent ought they to be enforced in the interest of good municipal government and the welfare of its citizens?

NOVEMBER 24.—Rapid transit for Chicago.

DECEMBER 31.—The Interstate Commerce Law: Its effect upon the railroads and the business of the country since it has been in operation.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1889

CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON, President

JANUARY 26.—Our Club: What has it accomplished?  
What are our duties as members?

FEBRUARY 23.—The indifference of the intellectual  
classes to politics; causes and remedies.

MARCH 30.—Legislative interference with vested and  
private rights.

APRIL 27.—Reflections and criticisms upon the subjects  
and discussions during the past year.

OCTOBER.—Omitted, in respect to memory of John  
Crerar.

NOVEMBER 30.—Social and economical aspects of the  
eight-hour movement.

DECEMBER 28.—Employers and employed: Their  
relative rights and reciprocal duties.



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## Meeting Subjects

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1890

ELBRIDGE KEITH, President

JANUARY 25.—Public libraries : Their uses, influence, and administration.

MARCH 1.—Manual Training : How to get it.

MARCH 29.—Do we need a bankrupt law? If so what should be its main provisions?

APRIL 26.—Nuisances afflicting Chicago, chiefly smoke, filthy streets and alleys.

OCTOBER 25.—Has Chicago not reached that period when special attention should be given to the founding of art galleries and museums? Will the World's Columbian Exposition be of any benefit to this city in that direction?

NOVEMBER 29.—Is the cause of education best served by our present public school system?

DECEMBER 27.—What shall be done to obtain good municipal government for Chicago?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1891

MARVIN HUGHITT, President

JANUARY 31.—The relation of the colleges to the development of the Northwest, and the relation of the business men to the colleges.

FEBRUARY 28.—How can the safety and comfort of our citizens and strangers be assured, and the city made more attractive during the World's Exposition ?

MARCH 28.—Our Citizen Soldiers : What obligations rest upon the State for their support ?

APRIL.—Omitted.

OCTOBER 31.—Entertainment of the Boston, Cincinnati, and St. Louis Clubs.

NOVEMBER 28.—A World's Fair Memorial.

DECEMBER 26.—Omitted.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1892

TURLINGTON W. HARVEY, President

JANUARY 30.—The smoke nuisance.

FEBRUARY 22.—Our country, and the influence of  
World's Fairs on commerce.

MARCH 26.—The situation in our municipal affairs.

APRIL 30.—Is it desirable and feasible to elevate the  
tracks of the steam railroads within the city limits?

OCTOBER 29.—The Allied Arts : As illustrated in the  
construction of the World's Columbian Exposition.

NOVEMBER 26.—In view of a possible epidemic of  
cholera in Europe during the coming year, ought  
not Congress take immediate action restricting  
immigration ?

DECEMBER 31.—Social Science : How may individuals  
be trained for their partnerships in the community?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1893

ALEXANDER C. MCCLURG, President

JANUARY 28.—The World's Columbian Exposition :  
The relation of the departments to the advancement of industry, science, and art.

FEBRUARY 25.—How can the cleanliness of this city be best promoted during the coming year ?

MARCH 25.—Would the administration of our state and municipal governments be improved if conducted under civil service reform law ?

APRIL 29.—Nicaragua Canal : Its effects upon commerce.

OCTOBER 28.—A review of the World's Fair, with reference to its permanent influences and results. (Meeting adjourned in consequence of assassination of Mayor Harrison.)

NOVEMBER 25.—A review of the World's Fair, with reference to its permanent influences and results.

DECEMBER 30.—What is the present duty of Chicago or its citizens towards its unemployed laborers ?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1894

WILLIAM T. BAKER, President

JANUARY 27.—Upon what terms should the city grant franchises for the use of its streets and alleys?

FEBRUARY 27.—Has the Interstate Commerce Law proved beneficial to the business interests of the country?

MARCH 31.—Will anti-option legislation by Congress be beneficial to the business interests of the country?

APRIL 28.—Is International Bi-metalism practicable and desirable?

OCTOBER 27.—Our currency: What are its defects? What remedies are practicable? Would a National Commission help promote reform?

NOVEMBER 24.—How can the evils of our present system of taxing real and personal property and levying special assessments be reformed?

DECEMBER 29.—What should be done with the Lake Front?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1895

HENRY W. KING, President

JANUARY 26.—How can municipal reform be best promoted?

FEBRUARY 23.—To hear report of committee appointed to visit Springfield in interest of municipal reform.

MARCH 30.—How shall municipal affairs be relieved from the strain of party affiliation so as to insure the perfect working of the merit system?

APRIL.—Omitted. Members absent.

OCTOBER.—Omitted. St. Louis excursion 23d and 24th.

NOVEMBER 30.—Review of our recent trip to St. Louis.

DECEMBER 28.—The financial situation in our municipal affairs. What is the remedy?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1896

FRANCIS B. PEABODY, President

JANUARY 25.—What can be done to reform the inequalities of the present system of taxing real and personal property?

FEBRUARY 29.—What should be the settled policy of the United States in its relations to other powers? What is the reasonable construction of the Monroe Doctrine, and on what occasions should it be invoked?

MARCH 28.—What, if anything, can be done to more thoroughly safeguard the morals of the youth of this city?

APRIL 25.—Civic reform.

OCTOBER 31.—The Amendment to the Constitution to be voted upon at the election of November third; the necessity for its adoption; the reform to be accomplished under it.

NOVEMBER 28.—Charity Organization: The scheme and purpose of the work; the necessity for its existence as a preventive of pauperism and crime.

DECEMBER 24.—Our Facilities for Commerce: Should the river channel be widened and deepened?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1897

JOHN J. GLESSNER, President

JANUARY 30.—The Supreme Court of the United States:  
Its place and function in the government; its permanence and independence are essential to the existence of the Republic.

FEBRUARY 11.—Special: Complimentary to Hon. Lyman J. Gage.

MARCH 29.—What can be done to make Chicago more attractive?

APRIL 24.—Should municipal elections be kept free from party politics?

OCTOBER 30.—What change, if any, should be made in the system of assessment for taxation?

NOVEMBER 27.—Would an Exposition Building on the Lake Front be of any advantage to Chicago?

DECEMBER.—Omitted. Christmas.



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## Meeting Subjects

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1898

EUGENE CARY, President

JANUARY 29.—The annexation of Hawaii.

FEBRUARY 26.—The monetary commission and its work.

MARCH 26.—The significance of the coming municipal election.

APRIL 30.—The Cuban situation.

OCTOBER 29.—The Philippine Islands: The duty and policy of the United States in reference thereto.

NOVEMBER 26.—What I saw in India. Rev. John H. Barrows.

DECEMBER 31.—The need of Monetary Legislation.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1899

CYRUS H. McCORMICK, President

JANUARY 28.—What are Chicago's most urgent needs?

FEBRUARY 18.—Open door in China : Complimentary to Lord Charles Beresford.

MARCH 25.—Our duty and responsibility toward juvenile offenders.

MAY 13.—Electricity.

NIKOLA TESLA.

OCTOBER 16.—Complimentary banquet to the President of the United States.

NOVEMBER 25.—Our municipal improvements : Those most needed and how to obtain same.

DECEMBER 30.—Our Club.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1900

WILLIAM J. CHALMERS, President

JANUARY 27.—Liquid Air.

PROF. CHARLES E. TRIPLER.

FEBRUARY 24.—How can juvenile offenders be cared for and reformed?

MARCH 31.—The effect of the non-enforcement of the law upon the development of the city and upon individual rights.

APRIL 28.—The Peace Conference at The Hague.

OCTOBER 27.—Should the Federal Government appropriate funds for water storage and arid land reclamation?

NOVEMBER 24.—Our Merchant Marine: What should be done to promote and encourage it?

DECEMBER 29.—Justice courts: What reforms are needed?

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## Meeting Subjects

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1901

WILLIAM A. FULLER, President

JANUARY 26.—The consideration of the report of the Committee appointed at the meeting held last April, to formulate a plan for the care of juvenile offenders.

FEBRUARY 22.—The practicability of land colonization as a remedy for city congestion and consequent poverty and vice.

MARCH 30.—Omitted.

APRIL 27. —Complimentary to Mayor and Common Council.

OCTOBER 26.—Reciprocal trade with the Dominion of Canada.

NOVEMBER 30.—Taxation.

DECEMBER 28.—Omitted.

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# Meeting Subjects

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1902

DAVID B. JONES, President

JANUARY 25.—The Isthmian Canal.

GEORGE S. MORISON, NEW YORK, REV. RICHARD D. HARLAN.

FEBRUARY 22.—The Americanization of the World.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP, NEW YORK, REV. JOHN G. K. MCCLURE.

MARCH 22.—The financial aspect of the Chicago Public School question.

JOHN S. MILLER, ELBRIDGE G. KEITH, REV. PLEASANT HUNTER.

APRIL 26.—Representation of Cook County in the Legislature.

WALTER L. FISHER, EDGAR A. BANCROFT, JOHN H. HAMLINE, A. C. BARTLETT, REV. FRANK DUMOULIN.

OCTOBER 25.—Our relations with Cuba.

GEN. JAMES H. WILSON, U. S. A., REV. HERBERT L. WILLET.

NOVEMBER 29.—The relation of University Education to Commerce.

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, REV. WILLIAM R. NOTMAN.

DECEMBER 27.—The Louisiana Purchase : Its purpose and scope.

HON. D. R. FRANCIS, ISAAC S. TAYLOR, F. J. V. SKIFF, ISAAC W. MORTON, WM. T. BAKER, H. N. HIGINBOTHAM, REV. THADDEUS A. SNIVELY.

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# Meeting Subjects

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1903

MARTIN A. RYERSON, President

JANUARY 31.—Twenty-fifth anniversary.

A. C. BARTLETT, A. A. SPRAGUE, MURRY NELSON,  
WILLIAM T. BAKER, ERSKINE M. PHELPS, JOHN M. CLARK,  
GEORGE C. WALKER, FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, BISHOP  
CHENEY.

FEBRUARY 28.—Is the college an efficient institution ?

DR. HENRY S. PRITCHETT, PRESIDENT OF THE MASSA-  
CHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, REV. FRANK W.  
GUNSAULUS.

MARCH 28.—The proposed Constitutional Amendment.

JOHN M. CLARK, H. S. MECARTNEY, E. ALLEN FROST,  
JOHN S. MILLER, B. E. SUNNY, REV. THADDEUS A.  
SNIVELY.

APRIL 25.—How may Chicago be made more interest-  
ing and attractive ?

FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, FLETCHER DOBYNS, DANIEL H.  
BURNHAM, REV. Z. B. PHILLIPS.

OCTOBER 14.—American good citizenship.

HONORABLE GROVER CLEVELAND, REV. FRANK W.  
GUNSAULUS.

NOVEMBER 28.—The Alaskan boundary case.

HONORABLE JACOB M. DICKINSON, REV. WILLIAM O.  
WATERS.

DECEMBER 26.—Omitted.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1904

J. HARLEY BRADLEY, President

JANUARY 30.—The report of the committee of nine appointed in April, 1903, to formulate a general plan for Chicago's improvement.

FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, J. HARLEY BRADLEY, LESLIE CARTER, J. V. FARWELL, JR., A. C. BARTLETT, D. H. BURNHAM, A. J. EARLING, C. L. HUTCHINSON, MARTIN A. RYERSON.

FEBRUARY 27.—The advantages and disadvantages of the proposed constitutional amendment permitting a special charter for the City of Chicago.

MARCH 26.—The streets of Chicago. What is the best way of keeping them clean ?

APRIL 30.—Making peace between China and Japan.  
A personal reminiscence by Honorable John W. Foster, of Washington, D. C.

OCTOBER 29.—Omitted.

NOVEMBER 26.—In honor of Honorable Charles S. Deneen.

DECEMBER 31.—Omitted.

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# Meeting Subjects

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1905

EDWARD B. BUTLER, President

JANUARY 28.—The Republic of Cuba.

SENOR QUESADA, MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES;  
GENERAL TASKER H. BLISS, U. S. A., JAMES H. ECKELS.

FEBRUARY 25.—The Municipal Museum of Chicago.

HON. THEODOR LEWALD, IMPERIAL COMMISSIONER-  
GENERAL OF GERMANY TO THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION;  
MR. FREDERICK S. LAMB, PRESIDENT OF THE ARCHI-  
TECTURAL LEAGUE, NEW YORK; MR. CHARLES ZEUBLIN,  
PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

MARCH 18.—The Commercial Club and The Merchants  
Club together. Street Paving and Street Cleaning.

JOHN W. ALVORD, C. E., AUTHOR "COMMERCIAL CLUB  
REPORT ON STREET PAVING PROBLEM OF CHICAGO";  
RICHARD T. FOX, MANAGER CITIZENS' STREET CLEAN-  
ING BUREAU, CHICAGO; CHARLES H. WACKER, CHAIR-  
MAN FINANCE COMMITTEE CITIZENS' STREET CLEANING  
BUREAU; PROF. ALBION W. SMALL, PH. D., LL. D.

APRIL 29.—Reminiscences of the Cuban Trip.

OCTOBER 28.—Old Age Industrial Pensions.

HON. FRANK A. VANDERLIP, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE  
NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK.

NOVEMBER.—Progress in Smoke Abatement.

FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, JOHN C. SCHUBERT.

Civic Beauty and Social Unity.

PROF. GEORGE E. VINCENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

DECEMBER.—Omitted.



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# Meeting Subjects

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1906-7

GEORGE E. ADAMS, President

JANUARY 27.—The Southern Boy and His Opportunity.

DR. EDWIN A. ALDERMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

FEBRUARY.—Omitted.

MARCH 31.—About the Philippines.

MR. CHARLES HOPKINS CLARK, EDITOR OF THE HARTFORD COURANT.

APRIL 28.—Small Parks and Playgrounds.

HON. EDWARD F. DUNNE, MAYOR; MISS JANE ADDAMS, OF HULL HOUSE; JUDGE JULIAN W. MACK, OF THE JUVENILE COURT.

OCTOBER 27.—The Future Policy of The Commercial Club.

General Discussion.

NOVEMBER 24.—The Presentation of \$50,000 to the St. Charles School for Boys.

HON. CHARLES S. DENEEN, GOVERNOR STATE OF ILLINOIS.

JANUARY 26.—The Panama Canal.

HON. THEODORE P. SHONTS, CHAIRMAN OF THE ISTHMIAN CANAL COMMISSION; MR. WILLIAM J. CALHOUN, ENVOY OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 6.—The City and the State.

RT. HON. JAMES BRYCE, BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

# Subjects of Meetings of The Merchants Club

1896-1897

J. V. FARWELL, JR., President

First Regular Meeting, February 6, 1897.

SUBJECT: THE NEEDS OF A GREAT CITY.

Speakers: WASHINGTON HESING, D. H. BURNHAM, MAYOR  
GEORGE B. SWIFT, WILLIAM KENT, REV. S. J. MCPHER-  
SON, and JOHN J. GLESSNER.

Second Regular Meeting, March 7, 1897.

SUBJECT: THE PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

SPEAKERS: HORACE S. OAKLEY; LAWRENCE Y. SHERMAN,  
Chairman of the Committee on Elections; JUDGE JOHN  
BARTON PAYNE; ALDERMAN JOHN MAYNARD HARLAN,  
and REV. FRANK M. BRISTOL.

Third Regular Meeting, April 3, 1897.

SUBJECT: THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SOUTH SHORE.

Speakers: D. H. BURNHAM, FERD. W. PECK, DUNLAP SMITH,  
HARRY G. SELFRIDGE, and WALTER H. WILSON.

Fourth Regular Meeting, May 1, 1897.

SUBJECT: IS A MUNICIPAL PARTY DESIRABLE?

Speakers: DAVID B. JONES, A. D. PHILPOT, SAMUEL B.  
RAYMOND, and LAWRENCE E. MCGANN.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1897-98

J. V. FARWELL, JR., President

Fifth Regular Meeting, November 6, 1897.

SUBJECT: POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

Speakers: HENRY SHERMAN BOUTELL and GEORGE E. FOSS, Members of the House of Representatives from Illinois; E. S. LACEY, President of the Bankers' National Bank; CHARLES U. GORDON, Postmaster; and REV. E. M. STIRES.

Sixth Regular Meeting, December 4, 1897.

CLOSED MEETING.

Seventh Regular Meeting, January 8, 1898.

SUBJECT: THE PROPOSED NEW REVENUE LAW.

Speakers; CHARLES E. SELBY and ISAAC MILLER HAMILTON, Members Illinois Legislature; JOHN P. WILSON, and DUNLAP SMITH.

Eighth Regular Meeting, February 5, 1898.

SUBJECT: THE COMING ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS.

Speakers: JOHN V. FARWELL, JR., JUDGE MURRAY F. TULEY, ALDERMAN CHARLES M. WALKER, ALDERMAN HENRY S. FITCH, ALDERMAN WALTER C. NELSON, EX-ALDERMAN WILLIAM KENT, and GEORGE E. COLE, President of the Municipal Voters' League.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Ninth Regular Meeting, March 12, 1898.

SUBJECT: THE MAYOR'S CABINET.

Speakers: PRESIDENT JOHN V. FARWELL, JR.; JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor of Boston; JOHN C. COBB, of Boston; JUDGE C. C. KOHLSAAT; and E. A. BANCROFT.

Tenth Regular Meeting, April 8, 1898.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.

President John V. Farwell, Jr., submitted his report of the work of the Club during the fiscal year. Election of Officers.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1898-99

HARRY G. SELFRIDGE, President

Eleventh Regular Meeting, November 12, 1898.

SUBJECT: ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED BY CHICAGO  
AND THE NORTHWEST FROM TERRI-  
TORIAL EXPANSION.

Speakers: STUYVESANT FISH, of New York; WILLIAM E.  
CURTIS, of Washington; HENRY S. BOUTELL; and H. P.  
JUDSON.

Twelfth Regular Meeting, December 10, 1898.

SUBJECT: A PERMANENT EXPOSITION BUILDING IN  
CHICAGO.

Speakers: N. H. HIGINBOTHAM; OTTO YOUNG; CHARLES  
TRUAX; ROBERT A. WALLER, City Comptroller; CHARLES  
L. HUTCHINSON; FRANK H. COOPER; DR. N. D. HILLIS;  
VOLNEY W. FOSTER; FRANK O. LOWDEN; WILLIAM J.  
WILSON; PROFESSOR GRAHAM TAYLOR; A. J. EARLING;  
DR. WILLIAM R. HARPER; JOHN V. FARWELL, JR.; and  
THOMAS B. BRYAN.

Thirteenth Regular Meeting, January 14, 1899.

SUBJECT: PROVIDENT PAWNERS' SOCIETIES.

Speakers: JOSEPH W. ERRANT, *The Situation in Chicago*;  
N. A. PARTRIDGE, *European Pawnshops*; CHARLES E.  
KREMER, *The Legal Phases*; R. M. BISSELL, *From a Club  
Member's Point of View*; REV. C. M. MORTON, *A Per-  
sonal Experience in a Pawnshop*.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Fourteenth Regular Meeting, February 11, 1899.

SUBJECT: OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH CANADA.

Speakers: PRESIDENT HARRY G. SELFRIDGE; HON. JOHN CHARLTON, Member Canadian Parliament; and JAMES H. ECKELS.

Fifteenth Regular Meeting, March 11, 1899.

SUBJECT: GREATER CHICAGO.

Speakers: JOHN BARTON PAYNE, SIGMUND ZEISLER, JUDGE C. C. KOHLSAAT, JUDGE ELBRIDGE HANECY, CHARLES S. CUTTING, and REPRESENTATIVE JOHN R. NEWCOMER.

Sixteenth Regular Meeting, April 8, 1899.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.

Revision of By-Laws and Election of Officers.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1899-1900

EDGAR A. BANCROFT, President

Seventeenth Regular Meeting, November 11, 1899.

SUBJECT: SMALL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

Speakers: JACOB A. RIIS, of New York; RICHARD M. BISSELL;  
BENJAMIN S. TERRY; and ALDERMAN ROBERT K.  
GRIFFITH.

Eighteenth Regular Meeting, December 9, 1899.

SUBJECT: A MILLS LODGING HOUSE FOR CHICAGO.

Speakers: JOHN LLOYD THOMAS, Superintendent of the Mills  
Hotels, New York, and JOHN H. BOGUE, Chairman of the  
Lodging-House Committee of the Improved Housing As-  
sociation of Chicago.

Nineteenth Regular Meeting, January 13, 1900.

CLOSED MEETING.

Revised By-Laws adopted. Addresses made by ROLLIN A.  
KEYES, FRED W. UPHAM, GRAEME STEWART, and  
ALEXANDER H. REVELL.

Twentieth Regular Meeting, February 10, 1900.

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY LAW.

Speakers: Hon. J. P. DOLLIVER, Member of the House of  
Representatives from Iowa, and W. A. PRENDERGAST, of  
New York, Secretary of the National Association of Credit  
Men.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Twenty-first Regular Meeting, March 10, 1900.

SUBJECT: THE REORGANIZATION OF THE CONSULAR SERVICE.

Speakers: HON. ROBERT ADAMS and HON. E. W. S. TINGLE.

Twenty-second Regular Meeting, April 14, 1900.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.



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# Meeting Subjects

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1900-1

HERMON B. BUTLER, President

Twenty-third Regular Meeting, November 10, 1900.

SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Speakers: PROFESSOR EDMOND J. JAMES and COLONEL E. R. BLISS.

Twenty-fourth Regular Meeting, December 8, 1900.

SUBJECT: USE OF THE STREETS OF THE CITY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE PEOPLE. CONDITIONS UPON WHICH FRANCHISES SHOULD BE GRANTED TO PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

Speakers: G. E. HOOKER, HON. MILTON J. FOREMAN, and GEORGE E. COLE.

Twenty-fifth Regular Meeting, January 19, 1901.

SUBJECT: THE USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS AS NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL CENTERS.

Speakers: REV. T. E. SHERMAN, S. J., REV. FRANK W. GUNSAULUS, R. M. BISSELL, and HON. L. Y. SHERMAN.

Twenty-sixth Regular Meeting, February 9, 1901.

SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Speakers: PROFESSOR J. W. JENKS, of Cornell University; EDWIN G. COOLEY, Superintendent Chicago Public Schools; JOHN G. SHEDD; JOHN V. FARWELL, JR.; and EDGAR G. BARRATT.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Twenty-seventh Regular Meeting, March 9, 1901.

SUBJECT: THE NEGRO PROBLEM IN THE SOUTH.

Speakers: DR. P. B. BARRINGER, of the University of Virginia, and BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, of Tuskegee Institute.

Twenty-eighth Regular Meeting, April 13, 1901.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.

Reports of Committees. Short addresses by H. B. BUTLER, A. T. ALDIS, E. A. BANCROFT, WILLIAM KENT, J. V. FARWELL, JR., FREDERICK GREELEY, DUNLAP SMITH, A. A. McCORMICK, ROBERT MATHER, GRANGER FARWELL, H. G. SELFRIDGE, and B. E. SUNNY. Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1901-2

RICHARD M. BISSELL, President

Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting, November 9, 1901.

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL COMBINATIONS.

Speakers: HON. CARROLL D. WRIGHT, U. S. Commissioner of Labor, and JUDGE JAMES B. DILL, of New York.

Thirtieth Regular Meeting, December 14, 1901.

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' ORGANIZATIONS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT.

Speakers: FRANCIS C. HUNTINGTON, of the Citizens' Union of New York; WALTER L. FISHER, Secretary Municipal Voters' League of Chicago; and GEORGE E. COLE, President Citizens' Association of Chicago.

Thirty-first Regular Meeting, January 11, 1902.

SUBJECT: THE INFALLIBILITY OF THE PRESS.

Speakers: MELVILLE E. STONE, President Associated Press; ROSWELL M. FIELD; SLASON THOMPSON; and JOHN T. MCCUTCHEON.

Thirty-second Regular Meeting, February 15, 1902.

SUBJECT: LIMITATIONS OF LIBERTY.

Speakers: THE RT. REV. JOHN IRELAND, Archbishop of Minnesota; PROFESSOR GEORGE E. VINCENT, of the University of Chicago.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Thirty-third Regular Meeting, March 8, 1902.

SUBJECT: THE RECLAIMING OF CRIMINALS.

Speakers: MRS. MAUD BALLINGTON BOOTH and MISS JANE  
ADDAMS.

Thirty-fourth Regular Meeting, April 12, 1902.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.

Reports of Committees, Election of Officers, and Appointment  
of Committees.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1902-3

ALEXANDER A. McCORMICK, President

Thirty-fifth Regular Meeting, November 8, 1902.

SUBJECT: LABOR UNIONS IN RELATION TO MODERN  
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PRO-  
GRESS.

Speakers: DAVID B. JONES, President of Commercial Club,  
Chicago, and THOMAS I. KIDD, Vice-President of the  
American Federation of Labor.

Thirty-sixth Regular Meeting, December 13, 1902.

SUBJECT: THE NECESSITY FOR A STATE CIVIL SERVICE  
LAW.

Speakers: JOSEPH POWELL, HENRY G. FOREMAN, FRANK H.  
SCOTT, and EDGAR A. BANCROFT.

Thirty-seventh Regular Meeting, January 10, 1903.

CLOSED MEETING.

Thirty-eighth Regular Meeting, February 14, 1903.

SUBJECT: THE LAKE FRONT PARK.

Speakers: DANIEL H. BURNHAM, DR. FRANK W. GUNSAULUS,  
JOHN H. HAMLINE, BRYAN LATHROP, and DANIEL F.  
CRILLY.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Thirty-ninth Regular Meeting, March 14, 1903.

SUBJECT: SOME THINGS CHICAGO HAS REASON TO BE  
PROUD OF.

Speakers: EMIL G. HIRSCH, DR. GRAHAM TAYLOR, C. NOR-  
MAN FAY, WILLIAM S. JACKSON, E. G. COOLEY, FRANK  
H. SCOTT, WALTER L. FISHER, W. M. R. FRENCH, J. B.  
RIDDLE, and ALLEN B. POND.

Fortieth Regular Meeting, April 11, 1903.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.

Reports of Officers and Committees, Election and Installation  
of Officers, and Appointment of Committees.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1903-4

WALTER H. WILSON, President

Forty-first Regular Meeting, December 12, 1903.

SUBJECT: CHICAGO AND OUR COUNTRY. WHAT SHALL  
IT PROFIT US IF WE GAIN THE WHOLE  
WORLD AND LOSE OUR SOULS.

Speaker: JUDGE PETER S. GROSSCUP.

Forty-second Regular Meeting, January 9, 1904.

SUBJECT: POLICE ADMINISTRATION.

CHICAGO POLICE AS SEEN BY CRIMINALS.

BY FRANK WILLARD ("Josiah Flynt").

POLICE ORGANIZATION AND DISCIPLINE.

BY CAPTAIN ALEXANDER R. PIPER,  
of New York City.

CITY COURTS. COMMON JUSTICE FOR ALL OF US.

BY WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME,  
District Attorney New York City.

Forty-third Regular Meeting, February 18, 1904.

After inspection of the Washington School the Club dined  
and heard reports of Educational Committee.

Speakers: EDWIN G. COOLEY, Superintendent of Schools;  
W. J. BOGAN, Principal of Washington School; JOSEPH T.  
BOWEN, Chairman West Division Educational Committee  
of Merchants Club; ALLAN B. POND, Chairman O'Toole  
School Committee; GRANGER FARWELL, Chairman Edu-  
cational Committee; JAMES GAMBLE ROGERS, Chairman  
Washington School Committee.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Forty-fourth Regular Meeting, March 12, 1904.

SUBJECT : SOME PROBLEMS AND POLICIES OF THE  
NEW DEPARTMENT.

Speakers : HON. GEORGE B. CORTELYOU, Secretary of the  
Department of Commerce and Labor; BRIGADIER-GENERAL  
FREDERICK DENT GRANT.

Forty-fifth Regular Meeting, April 8, 1904.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.

Reports of Committees, Election of Officers, and Appointment  
of Committees.

Special Meeting, June 17, 1903.

Club guests of MR. ALFRED L. BAKER at Onwentsia Club,  
Lake Forest, Ill.



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# Meeting Subjects

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1904-5

ALFRED L. BAKER, President

Forty-sixth Regular Meeting, November 8, 1904.

SUBJECT : AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

Speakers : RIGHT HONORABLE JOHN MORLEY, M. P., JOHN WANAMAKER, EDGAR A. BANCROFT, FRANK H. JONES.

Forty-seventh Regular Meeting, December 10, 1904.

CLOSED MEETING.

Reports of Committee on Merchants Club bill for regulation of "Loan Sharks."

Citizens' Street Cleaning Bureau.

Educational Committee.

Naval Training Station.

Speakers : JOHN V. FARWELL, JR., EDGAR A. BANCROFT, GRAEME STEWART, DAVID R. FORGAN, FRANK H. ARMSTRONG, JOSEPH T. BOWEN, JOSEPH E. OTIS.

Forty-eighth Regular Meeting, January 14, 1905.

SUBJECTS AND SPEAKERS :

THE CHICAGO COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION. JOHN G. SHEDD.

THE GREAT LAKES AS A FACTOR IN TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. WILLIAM L. BROWN.

CHICAGO AS A FINANCIAL CENTER. DAVID R. FORGAN.

CHICAGO AS A MANUFACTURING CENTER. JOHN R. MORRON.

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## Meeting Subjects

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. E. G. COOLEY.

ART AND MUSIC. CHARLES L. HUTCHINSON.

THE SPIRIT OF PROGRESS AND CHICAGO'S NEW  
CHARTER. A. M. COMPTON, Chairman Ways and  
Means Committee Chicago Commercial Association.

Forty-ninth Regular Meeting, February 18, 1905.

SUBJECTS AND SPEAKERS :

COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL INTEGRITY. HON.  
JOHN A. JOHNSON, Governor of Minnesota.

COMPETITION OR SOCIALISM — WHICH ? HON. AL-  
BERT B. CUMMINS, Governor of Iowa.

Fiftieth Regular Meeting, March 18, 1905.

(A Joint Meeting with the Commercial Club.)

SUBJECT : STREET PAVING AND STREET CLEANING.

Speakers : JOHN W. ALVORD, C. E.; RICHARD T. FOX,  
Manager Citizens' Street Cleaning Bureau; CHARLES H.  
WACKER; PROF. ALBION W. SMALL.

Fifty-first Regular Meeting, April 22, 1905.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.

Reports of Officers and Committees, Election of Officers and  
Committees.

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## Meeting Subjects

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### SPECIAL MEETINGS

July 14, 1904.

In honor of Honorable Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy.

SUBJECTS AND SPEAKERS :

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. HON. SHELBY M. CULLOM, United States Senator.

THE NAVY. HON. GEORGE E. FOSS, Chairman Committee on Naval Affairs, House of Representatives.

AS THE SPIRIT MOVES. HON. JOSEPH G. CANNON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

OUR GUEST. MR. EDWARD D. KENNA.

RESPONSE. HON. PAUL MORTON.

November 26, 1904.

(A Joint Meeting with the Commercial Club.)

Speakers : HON. CHARLES S. DENEEN, Governor-elect; HON. LAWRENCE Y. SHERMAN; HON. GEORGE E. ADAMS.

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### VISITS TO CHICAGO INDUSTRIES

June 14, 1904.

ILLINOIS TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S TUNNEL.

January 28, 1905.

SOUTH WORKS ILLINOIS STEEL COMPANY.

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# Meeting Subjects

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1905-06

CHARLES H. WACKER, President

Fifty-second Regular Meeting, November 11, 1905.

SUBJECT: OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

Speakers: SIR CHENTUNG LIANG-CHENG, His Imperial Chinese Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

Fifty-third Regular Meeting, December 9, 1905.

SUBJECT: THE OLD NAVY AND THE NEW.

Speakers: GENERAL HORACE PORTER and ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Fifty-fourth Regular Meeting, January 13, 1906.

SUBJECTS AND SPEAKERS:

THE NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE. HON. GIFFORD PINCHOT, Forester.

IS FORESTRY PRACTICABLE. MR. NELSON W. MCLEOD, President National Lumber Manufacturers' Association.

Fifty-fifth Regular Meeting, February 18, 1906, held in Café de Chapultepec, City of Mexico.

Speakers: MR. ALFRED L. BAKER, SR., Senator JOSE CASTELLOT, MR. ROBERT MATHER, SR., DON SEBASTIAN CAMACHO, and MR. ARTHUR D. WHEELER.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Fifty-sixth Regular Meeting, March 10, 1906.

SUBJECT: THE ETHICS OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT.

Speaker: CHARLES W. ELIOT, LL.D., President of Harvard University.

Fifty-seventh Regular Meeting, May 5, 1906.

ANNUAL MEETING, CLOSED.

Reports of Officers and Committees, Election of Officers and Committees.

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### SPECIAL MEETINGS

May 10, 1905.

LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

October 11, 1905.

DINNER AT ONWENTSIA CLUB AT LAKE FOREST AS THE GUESTS OF MR. ALFRED L. BAKER.

March 26, 1906.

DINNER TENDERED BY PRES. CHARLES H. WACKER TO MR. ROBERT MATHER ON RETURN OF THE MEXICAN PARTY.

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### VISITS TO CHICAGO INDUSTRIES

December 5, 1905.

WORKS OF THE PULLMAN PALACE CAR COMPANY.

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## Meeting Subjects

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1906-07

CHARLES D. NORTON, President

Fifty-eighth Regular Meeting, November 10, 1906.

Subject: CANADA AND RECIPROCITY.

Speakers: JAMES J. HILL, President Great Northern Railway Company.

Fifty-ninth Regular Meeting, December 8, 1906.

Subject: PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THEIR ADMINISTRATION.

Speakers: THEODORE W. ROBINSON, EDWARD C. ELIOT, Ex-Chairman Board of Education of St. Louis, Mo., JAMES J. STORROW, President Board of Education of Boston, Mass., NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER, President Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

Sixtieth Regular Meeting, January 26, 1907.

(A joint meeting with the Commercial Club.)

Subjects and Speakers:

THE PANAMA CANAL, THEODORE P. SHONTS, Chairman Isthmian Canal Commission.

OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AMERICA, WILLIAM J. CALHOUN.

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## Meeting Subjects

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Sixty-first Regular Meeting, February 9, 1907.

CLOSED MEETING.

(Last meeting of The Merchants Club.)

Remarks by :

Charles D. Norton	Frank H. Jones
John R. Morron	William Kent
Arthur T. Aldis	Alexander A. McCormick
Alfred L. Baker	Paul Morton
Edgar A. Bancroft	Edwin A. Potter
Richard M. Bissell	Theodore W. Robinson
Frederic A. Delano	John G. Shedd
John V. Farwell, Jr.	Charles H. Wacker
David R. Forgan	Arthur D. Wheeler
Frederick Greeley	Walter H. Wilson

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MAY 31.—Formal Dinner in Honor of General Baron Kuroki.

MAJOR-GENERAL A. W. GREELEY, U. S. A., COMMANDER OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION; HON. GEORGE E. ADAMS.

NOVEMBER 9.—The Effect of Industrial Education upon the German Empire.

DR. K. G. RUDOLPH LEONHARD, JR., UNIVERSITY OF BRESLAU.

The Effect of Industrial Education upon Labor.

JOHN GOLDEN, PRESIDENT UNITED TEXTILE WORKERS OF AMERICA.

Possibilities of Industrial Education in America.

HENRY S. PRIDCHETT, PRESIDENT CARNEGIE FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT IN TEACHING.



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## Meeting Subjects

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DECEMBER 14.—Public Domain.—Department of the Interior.

HON. ETHAN A. HITCHCOCK, EX-SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Forestry, Irrigation, and Public Lands.

GEORGE H. MAXWELL, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION.

JANUARY 11.—The Principles of Infection and the Tuberculosis Problem.

DR. L. HEKTOEN, DIRECTOR OF THE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES; DR. HENRY BAIRD FAVILL; DR. FRANK BILLINGS; DR. WILLIAM A. EVANS, COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF CHICAGO.

JANUARY 25.—Plan of Chicago.

CLOSED MEETING.

General Discussion.



# Membership



## Active Members

- x 1899 George E. Adams  
Real Estate.
- 1899 Arthur T. Aldis  
Real Estate.
- 1901 J. Ogden Armour  
President Armour & Co.
- 1899 Frank H. Armstrong  
Secretary Reid, Murdoch & Co. x
- 1889 Edward E. Ayer  
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- 1899 Alfred L. Baker  
Alfred L. Baker & Co.
- 1898 Edgar A. Bancroft  
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- 1882 Adolphus C. Bartlett  
President Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.
- 1896 Charles L. Bartlett  
Manager Procter & Gamble Distributing Co.
- 1898 Enos M. Barton  
President Western Electric Co.
- 1896 Nelson P. Bigelow  
President Bigelow Bros. & Walker Co.
- 1899 W. Vernon Booth  
President A. Booth & Co.
- 1898 Joseph T. Bowen  
Metropolitan Surety Co.

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- 1881 J. Harley Bradley  
President David Bradley Mfg. Co.
- 1901 William L. Brown  
President American Ship Building Co.
- 1896 Clarence Buckingham  
John H. Wrenn & Co.
- X 1902 Eugene J. Buffington  
President Illinois Steel Co. †
- 1900 Daniel H. Burnham  
Architect.
- 1896 Edward B. Butler  
President Butler Brothers.
- X 1896 Benjamin Carpenter  
Geo. B. Carpenter & Co.
- 1906 Clyde M. Carr  
Vice-President J. T. Ryerson & Son.
- 1904 Edward F. Carry  
Vice-President and General Manager American Car &  
Foundry Co.
- 1897 Leslie Carter  
President Calumet and Chicago Canal & Dock Co.
- 1894 William J. Chalmers  
President Commercial National Safe Deposit Co.
- 1877 John M. Clark  
Chairman Chicago Telephone Co.
- 1901 William E. Clow  
Vice-President James B. Clow & Sons.
- 1905 John W. G. Cofran  
General Agent Hartford Fire Ins. Co.

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- 1901 Charles H. Conover  
Vice-President Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co.
- 1896 Charles R. Corwith  
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- 1898 Alfred Cowles  
President Rialto Co.
- 1899 Rensselaer W. Cox  
President Pioneer Cooperage Co.
- 1902 Charles R. Crane  
Vice-President Crane Co.
- 1904 J. J. Dau  
Vice-President Reid, Murdoch & Co.
- 1902 Charles G. Dawes  
President Central Trust Co. of Illinois.
- 1902 Frederic A. Delano  
President Wabash Railway. +
- 1902 Thomas E. Donnelley  
President R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co.
- X 1897 Albert J. Earling  
President C. M. & St. P. Railway.
- 1898 Bernard A. Eckhart  
President Eckhart & Swan Milling Co.
- 1902 Francis C. Farwell  
Secretary John V. Farwell Co.
- 1900 Granger Farwell  
President Farwell Trust Co.
- 1896 John V. Farwell, Jr.  
Treasurer John V. Farwell Co.

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- 1899 Louis A. Ferguson  
Vice-President Chicago Edison Co.
- 1906 Stanley Field  
Vice-President Marshall Field & Co.
- 1896 Edwin G. Foreman  
President Foreman Bros. Banking Co.
- 1902 David R. Forgan  
President National City Bank of Chicago.
- X 1902 James B. Forgan  
President First National Bank of Chicago.
- 1877 William A. Fuller  
135 Adams St.
- X 1884 John J. Glessner  
Chairman Executive Committee International Har-  
vester Co.
- 1896 Frederick Greeley  
Treasurer Greeley-Howard Co.
- 1897 Ernest A. Hamill  
President Corn Exchange National Bank. +
- X 1902 James T. Harahan  
President Illinois Central Railroad Co.
- 1902 John F. Harris  
Harris, Winthrop & Co.
- X 1889 Franklin H. Head  
Vice-President Continental Casualty Co.
- 1884 James L. Houghteling  
Peabody, Houghteling & Co.



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- X 1878 Marvin Hughitt  
President C. & N. W. Ry. Co.
- 1900 Charles H. Hulburd  
President Elgin National Watch Co.
- 1882 Charles L. Hutchinson  
Vice-President Corn Exchange National Bank. +
- 1899 Samuel Insull  
President Chicago Edison Co. -
- 1898 David B. Jones  
President Mineral Point Zinc Co. +
- 1901 Frank H. Jones  
Secretary American Trust & Savings Bank.
- X 1900 Chauncey Keep  
135 Adams St.
- 1902 Edward D. Kenna  
Lawyer.
- 1896 William Kent  
12 Sherman St.
- 1896 Rollin A. Keyes  
Franklin MacVeagh & Co.
- 1896 Charles F. Kimball  
President and Treasurer C. P. Kimball & Co. +
- 1891 Herman H. Kohlsaatt  
154 Washington St.
- 1899 Victor F. Lawson  
The Chicago Daily News Co. +
- 1898 Thies J. Lefens  
Real Estate.

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## Active Members

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- X 1898 Robert T. Lincoln  
President The Pullman Co.
- 1877 Henry J. Macfarland  
President M. D. Wells Co.
- 1878 Franklin MacVeagh  
Franklin MacVeagh & Co.
- 1901 Clayton Mark  
National Malleable Castings Co.
- 1899 Robert Mather  
President Rock Island Company.
- 1897 Hugh J. McBirney  
National Lead Co.
- X 1885 Cyrus H. McCormick  
President International Harvester Co.
- 1898 Harold F. McCormick  
Vice-President International Harvester Co.
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The Chicago Tribune
- 1899 Hiram R. McCullough  
Vice-President C. & N. W. Ry. Co.
- 1896 Arthur Meeker  
Armour & Co.
- 1901 George Merryweather  
President Railway Exchange Bank.
- 1896 John J. Mitchell  
President Illinois Trust & Savings Bank.
- 1896 John R. Morron  
President Diamond Glue Co.

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## Active Members

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- 1901 Joy Morton  
Joy Morton & Co.
- 1906 Mark Morton  
President Western Cold Storage Co.
- 1902 Charles D. Norton  
General Agent Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co.
- 1902 Frank B. Noyes  
The Chicago Record-Herald.
- 1901 La Verne W. Noyes  
President Aermotor Co.
- 1904 Joseph E. Otis  
President Western Trust & Savings Bank.
- 1878 Erskine M. Phelps  
Phelps & Dodge.
- 1901 Allen B. Pond  
Pond & Pond.
- 1902 Edwin A. Potter  
President American Trust & Savings Bank.
- 1896 Alexander H. Revell  
President Alexander H. Revell & Co.
- 1898 Edward P. Ripley  
President A. T. & S. F. Ry.
- 1903 Theodore W. Robinson  
Vice-President Illinois Steel Co.
- 1888 Martin A. Ryerson  
204 Dearborn St.
- 1905 John W. Scott  
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## Active Members

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- 1896 Louis A. Seeberger  
President Seeberger & Richards.
- 1897 John G. Shedd  
President Marshall Field & Co.
- 1896 Byron L. Smith +  
President Northern Trust Co.
- 1904 Walter B. Smith  
John H. Wrenn & Co.
- 1899 John A. Spoor +  
President U. S. Yard and Transit Co.
- 1877 Albert A. Sprague  
President Sprague, Warner & Co.
- 1903 Albert A. Sprague II  
Sprague, Warner & Co.
- 1906 Homer A. Stillwell  
Vice-President Butler Brothers.
- 1896 Charles L. Strobel  
President Strobel Steel Construction Co.
- 1900 Bernard E. Sunny +  
Western Electric Co.
- 1901 Louis F. Swift  
President Swift & Co.
- 1906 Edward F. Swift  
Vice-President Swift & Co.
- 1902 Charles H. Thorne  
Treasurer Montgomery Ward & Co.
- 1904 Edward A. Turner  
Link Belt Co.

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## Active Members

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- 1897 Emerson B. Tuttle  
Real Estate.
- 1899 Frederic W. Upham  
Vice-President Peabody Coal Co.
- 1897 Charles H. Wacker  
Real Estate. †
- 1903 William S. Warren  
President Hulburd, Warren Co.
- 1904 Arthur D. Wheeler  
President Chicago Telephone Co.
- 1905 John E. Wilder  
Vice-President Wilder & Co.
- 1896 Walter H. Wilson  
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- 1884 Henry H. Porter  
President Chicago Transfer and Clearing Co.

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New York	London
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New York	California
A. J. Forbes-Leith	Melville E. Stone
Scotland	New York
Lyman J. Gage	Samuel M. Felton
New York	City of Mexico
Charles H. Hodges	Norman B. Ream
Detroit	New York City
Paul Morton	Alexander A. McCormick
New York	Indianapolis

## Retired Members

1878	Eliphalet W. Blatchford
1878	Augustus A. Carpenter
1879	Richard T. Crane
1880	Turlington W. Harvey
1887	Harlow N. Higinbotham
1881	Thomas Murdoch
1877	Murry Nelson
1881	William H. Rand

## Deceased Members

Solomon Albert Smith . . . . .	November, 1879
Edward Swan Stickney . . . . .	March, 1880
James Monroe Walker . . . . .	January, 1881
Richard C. Meldrum . . . . .	April, 1881
George Armour . . . . .	June, 1881
John Clark Coonley . . . . .	October, 1882
Charles Palmer Kellogg . . . . .	April, 1883
Anson Stager . . . . .	March, 1885
John Winkinson McGenniss . . . . .	May, 1885
George Clinton Clarke . . . . .	April, 1887
Martin Ryerson . . . . .	September, 1887
John Crerar . . . . .	October, 1889
William Emerson Strong . . . . .	April, 1891
Uri Balcom . . . . .	November, 1893
John Burroughs Drake . . . . .	November, 1895
Charles Mather Henderson . . . . .	January, 1896
Edson Keith . . . . .	November, 1896
James Wheeler Oakley . . . . .	January, 1897
Henry Baldwin Stone . . . . .	July, 1897
George Mortimer Pullman . . . . .	October, 1897
Louis Wampold . . . . .	February, 1898
Henry William King . . . . .	April, 1898
John DeKoven . . . . .	April, 1898
William Charles Dustin Grannis . . . . .	August, 1898
Robert Alexander Waller . . . . .	February, 1899
George Walker Meeker . . . . .	April, 1899
Charles Fargo . . . . .	October, 1900

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Philip Danforth Armour . . . . .	January, 1901
John Wesley Doane . . . . .	March, 1901
Alexander Caldwell McClurg . . . . .	April, 1901
John Spragins Hannah . . . . .	July, 1901
Anthony Frederick Seeberger . . . . .	July, 1901
John James Janes . . . . .	August, 1901
Dunlap Smith . . . . .	December, 1901
Nathaniel Kellogg Fairbank . . . . .	March, 1903
Charles Benjamin Farwell . . . . .	September, 1903
William Taylor Baker . . . . .	October, 1903
William Gold Hibbard . . . . .	October, 1903
Elias Taylor Watkins . . . . .	December, 1903
Christoph Hotz . . . . .	January, 1904
Hermon Beardsley Butler . . . . .	February, 1904
Eugene Cary . . . . .	March, 1904
Levi Zeigler Leiter . . . . .	June, 1904
George Clarke Walker . . . . .	April, 1905
Elbridge Gerry Keith . . . . .	May, 1905
Graeme Stewart . . . . .	June, 1905
Rockwell King . . . . .	July, 1905
William Chisholm . . . . .	December, 1905
Marshall Field . . . . .	January, 1906
William Rainey Harper . . . . .	January, 1906
Peter Schuttler . . . . .	September, 1906
James Herron Eckels . . . . .	April, 1907
Orrin Woodward Potter . . . . .	May, 1907
Francis Boles Peabody . . . . .	January, 1908





